

Headquarters United States Air Force, and finally, as Joint Staff Officer, Logistics Directorate, Joint Staff.

Col. Ashman served in several other capacities before beginning his duties at the Defense Logistics Agency in 1998, first as Chief, Customer Interface Support Group, and then as Deputy Executive Director for Acquisition, Technical, and Supply prior to assuming his final position, Acting Executive Director for Acquisition, Technical and Supply Directorate.

In recognition of his service in the Air Force and to his country, Col. Ashman earned the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. On June 30th, Col. Ashman will retire after thirty years of dedicated and exemplary service. On behalf of our nation, I thank Col. Thomas Ashman for all that he has accomplished, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CARL NOVAK OF  
TECUMSEH, MI, EXCEPTIONAL  
TEACHER

**HON. NICK SMITH**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 18, 2003*

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, education is the key for our Nation's future prosperity and security. The formidable responsibility of molding and inspiring young minds to the avenues of hope, opportunity and achievement rests partly in the hands of our teachers. Today I would like to recognize a teacher from Tecumseh, Michigan that most influenced and motivated exceptional students in academics and leadership that were winners of the LeGrand Smith scholarship.

Mr. Carl Novak teaches mathematics at Tecumseh High School. He is credited for instilling in students an enthusiasm for mathematics. In one student's own words, "Mr. Novak has continually challenged me to do my best throughout high school. His vast knowledge of mathematics, and his dedication to family and community displayed positive character and professionalism." The respect and gratitude of his students speaks well of Mr. Novak's ability to challenge young minds to stretch the mental muscles and strive to achieve the best that is in them.

Mr. Novak's excellence in teaching challenges and inspires students to move beyond the teen-age tendency toward surface study and encourage deeper thought and connections to the real world. No profession is more important in its influence and daily interaction with the future leaders of our community and our country, and Carl Novak's impact on his students is certainly deserving of recognition.

On behalf of the Congress of the United States of America, I am proud to extend our highest praise to Mr. Carl Novak as a master teacher. We thank him for his continuing dedication to teaching and his willingness and ability to challenge and inspire students for leadership and success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CHRIS BELL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 18, 2003*

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 278, I was unavoidably detained in the air. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

RECOGNIZING MR. CHRISTOPHER  
HANSEN

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to laud the accomplishments of one of my constituents, Mr. Christopher Hansen. Mr. Hansen, is a resident of Neptune City, New Jersey and is this year's recipient of the United States Small Business Administration's Home-based Business Advocate of the Year Award. Mr. Hansen is being presented with this honor for his outstanding advocacy work on behalf of New Jersey's 750,000 self-employed, home based, business owners.

This award is given to an individual who has experienced the rewards and difficulties of home-based businesses and has volunteered to improve the climate for home-based businesses. In my mind, there is no individual more deserving of this award than Mr. Hansen. Over the past few years, Mr. Hansen has volunteered an infinite amount of time and energy to improve the conditions for home-based businesses.

Christopher Hansen has proven himself to be one of the nations leading supporters of home-based business. In 1995, Mr. Hansen founded the Home Based Business Council, a not-for-profit corporation of which he currently serves as President. He decided to start the organization because of an unfair law that was passed in 1992 that drove elected officials with home based businesses out of office by making a majority of those businesses illegal. Mr. Hansen saw a problem with this and decided to act. Mr. Hansen started to gather supporters together to discuss the suppression of home-based businesses. His actions soon attracted both local and national media attention.

The following year Mr. Hansen co-founded the New Jersey Partnership for Work at Home to educate elected and appointed leaders about the changing nature of the homebased business economy. As part of his voluntary leadership, Mr. Hansen authored a comprehensive paper on incorporating home-based businesses into the community. He has since written numerous articles that have appeared in national publications and those of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and League of Municipalities.

Over the past few years, Mr. Hansen has tirelessly fought against the outmoded notion that home based businesses harm communities. It is because of individuals like him that nearly 25 million families throughout the country are able to create income from self-employed work at home. Mr. Hansen continues to achieve immeasurable accomplishments in advancing home-based businesses and is a tre-

mendous asset to the small business community. Mr. Speaker, for those reasons, I wish Mr. Hansen continued success and ask that my colleagues join me in honoring him.

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Mr. Craig Booher teaches history at Napoleon High School in Napoleon, Michigan. He is credited for instilling in students an enthusiasm for the subject and for life itself. In one student's own words, "Mr. Booher is very passionate and knowledgeable about history. When he teaches, he is full of energy and it makes us eager to learn." The respect and gratitude of his students speaks well of Mr. Booher's ability to challenge young minds to stretch the mental muscles and strive to achieve the best that is in them.

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TRIBUTE TO ALAN BRAY

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Alan Bray.

Alan Bray is well known throughout Maine as a talented artist who is able to capture the beauty of Maine in his paintings. Alan's art has been enjoyed by so many who appreciate his amazing works. He has studied art around the world and earned his degree in Italy. He has had his artwork displayed at museums in New York City and reviewed in some of the finest publications. He has been to the great bay of San Francisco and to the shores of Florida, yet Alan always chooses to return to that place from which he came.